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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF SINAI FIELD MISSION SITES

1. CBS HAS QUERIED WASHINGTON AS TO WHY IT HAS NOT YET BEEN PERMITTED TV COVERAGE OF BASE SITE AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL THERE RECEIVING EARLIEST SHIPMENTS. THORNE DREW ON PRECEDENT DURING PREVIOUS TRIP WHEN EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DENIED PRESS PERMISSION TO COVER THE SURVEY TEAM TO THE SINAI AND INDICATED THAT HE WISHED TO VET THIS PROPOSAL WITH BOTH GOVERNMENTS BEFORE RECOMMENDING APPROVAL.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF PRESS ALSO DESIRE TO VISIT BASE CAMP SITE ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 OR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28. SSM HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED VISITS PROVIDED EACH JOURNALIST HAS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS AND UNEF BEFORE EMBASSIES CONFIDENTIAL

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FIRM SSM'S AGREEMENT.

3. AGREEMENT APPLIES TO ONE-TIME VISIT ONLY. EACH FUTURE REQUEST WILL REQUIRE GREATER LEAD TIME AND WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. EACH SUCH VISIT MUST BE CLEARED BY WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE UNTIL DIRECTOR, SFM, IS IN PLACE.

4. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THORNE BOTH GOVERNMENTS INDICATED CONCERN THAT MEDIA COVERAGE NOT INCLUDE THEIR RESPECTIVE SURVEILLANCE SITES. EMBASSIES SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO GOVERNMENTS THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE AGREED TO MEDIA VISIT TO US BASE CAMP AND FACILITIES WE CAN IN NO WAY ASSUME ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING COVERAGE OF NATIONAL SURVEILLANCE SITE.

5. TEL AVIV: PLEASE ADVISE COLONEL LAYNE OF POSSIBILITY OF JANUARY 27/28 PRESS VISITS ASAP.
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